

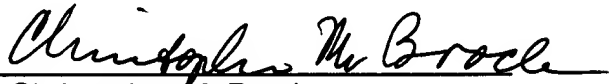
REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Applicant has cancelled rejected claims 28-36 and 39-46. Accordingly, only allowed claims 20-27 and 49-52 remain pending in this case. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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